

REMARKS

Amendments to claims 1, 22, and 43 are for the purpose of clarifying what Applicants regard as the invention. No new matter has been added.

I. **CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,178,511 (Cohen) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,535,879 (Behera).

Claims 1, 22, and 43 have been amended to each recite creating a local user schema at a network node, *the local user schema comprising an account accessible by the first and the second users* (Emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims are allowable over Cohen, Behera, and their combination.

According to the Advisory Action, column 5, lines 47-49 and column 6, lines 38-42 of Cohen disclose protocols and mechanisms of a target, which allegedly corresponds to a “local user schema.” Also, according to the Office Action, column 5, lines 22-27 of Cohen discloses a configuration information manger (CIM) storing information that allegedly corresponds with a “local user schema.” With the claim amendments, Applicants have clarified that the local user schema comprises an account accessible by first and second users, which is not disclosed or suggested by Cohen. In particular, Applicants respectfully note that the protocols and mechanisms of a target in Cohen is not an account that is accessible by multiple users. Also, according to column 5, line 59 to column 6, line 6 of Cohen, information stored in a CIM is “application specific information” which includes target type, default program, specific application information, program preferences, and interface directory, none of which is an account that is accessible by multiple users. Behera also does not disclose or suggest the above limitation, and therefore, fails to make up the deficiency present in Cohen. Since Cohen and Behera both fail to disclose or suggest the limitations recited in claims 1, 22, and 43, they cannot be combined to form the resulting subject matter of these claims.

Claims 1, 22, and 43 also each recites mapping a first global user identification and a second global user identification to a local user schema, wherein the local user schema comprises an account accessible by the first and second users. Again, Cohen and Behera do not disclose or suggest a local user schema comprising an account accessible by first and second users, even less, mapping first and second global user identifications to such a local user schema.

For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 1, 22, and 43, and their respective dependent claims, are believed allowable over Cohen, Behera, and their combination.


CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, all remaining claims are believed in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this response, please contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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